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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

ADJUSTABLE DISC SPRING SYSTEMS AND METHODS

and invented by:

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Application Elements

- 1. Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. Specification having 19 pages and including the following:
a. Descriptive Title of the Invention
b. Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
c. Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
d. Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable)
e. Background of the Invention
f. Brief Summary of the Invention
g. Brief Description of the Drawings (if drawings filed)
h. Detailed Description
i. Claim(s) as Classified Below
j. Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*
- a. ☒ Formal      b. ☐ Informal      Number of Sheets 17
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- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*
- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney      ☐ Without Power of Attorney
- d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied  
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6. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche
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- a. ☐ Paper Copy
- b. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
- c. ☐ Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

**Accompanying Application Parts**

8. ☐ Assignment Papers *(cover sheet & documents)*
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*
10. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449      ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
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15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*
16. ☒ Small Entity Statement(s) - Specify Number of Statements Submitted: 1 Assertion
17. ☒ Additional Enclosures *(please identify below)*:

EFS Application Data Sheet (1 page)

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- \* Check in the Amount of \$478.00 for filing fee
- \* Small Entity Utility Patent Application Transmittal Letter (4 pages) (in duplicate)
- \* U.S. Patent Application which includes:
  - Specification (19 pages, including 32 Claims and Abstract
- \* Formal Drawings (17 Pages) (17 Figures)
- \* Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application (3 pages)
- \* Assertion of Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(2) (1 page)
- \* EFS Application Data Sheet (1 pages)
- \* Information Disclosure Citation (2 pages) with 7 cited references